

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

Local Rule 83.1 Electronic Devices.

(a) General Prohibition. Electronic devices are prohibited in courthouses beyond the security checkpoints except as allowed by this rule.

(b) Exception for tenants and contractors. The prohibition in paragraph (a) does not apply to the possession of electronic devices by employees and visiting employees of courthouse tenant agencies and contractors approved by the General Services Administration.

(c) Exception for Attorneys. Attorneys may bring cell phones, laptop computers and personal digital assistants into courthouses subject to the following limitations:

- (i) The attorney must enter into a written, signed agreement regarding the use of the device. The form for the agreement is set forth at the conclusion of this rule.
- (ii) Cell phones, including cell phones incorporated into another electronic device, may only be used in designated areas.
- (ii) Cell phones must be turned completely off (not just put in silent mode) when outside the areas designated for cell phone use.
- (iv) Wireless internet components of electronic devices must be deactivated when in **district** courtrooms.

(d) Greeneville Courthouse. At the James H. Quillen United States Courthouse in Greeneville only, agents employed by federal law enforcement agencies or officers assigned to or investigating federal criminal offenses as designated in writing by the United States Attorney's Office to the Office of the United States Marshal in Greeneville, Tennessee, shall be permitted to bring cell phones, pagers or laptop computers into the courthouse but not into any courtroom in the building.

(e) Photographing; Video and Audio Recording; and Video and Audio Broadcasting. No photographing, video or audio recording or video or audio broadcasting other than by court personnel will be permitted on the floors of the courthouse occupied by the court, except as otherwise permitted by order of a United States District, Magistrate or Bankruptcy Judge.

(f) Enforcement. Violations of this rule will result in the individual being required to remove the electronic device from the courthouse or confiscation of the device and may be reported to a judicial officer for appropriate action or other sanction, including but not limited to, revocation of the individual's privilege to bring electronic devices within the courthouse. Violations of any provision of the rule by an attorney inside a courtroom may result in revocation of the attorney's

privilege to bring electronic devices into the courthouse, fines, or other actions deemed appropriate by the judicial officer.

DESIGNATED AREAS FOR CELL PHONE USE BY ATTORNEYS

Joel W. Solomon Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse (Chattanooga)

First floor: Main corridor (prohibited in corridor leading to courtrooms)
Third floor: Main corridor, excluding vestibule in front of courtroom
Fourth floor: Main corridor up to CSO station

Historic U.S. Courthouse (Chattanooga)

All public areas excluding courtrooms

James H. Quillen U.S. Courthouse (Greeneville)

First floor: Hallway outside bankruptcy trustee hearing room
Third floor: Witness rooms adjacent to courtrooms
Fourth floor: Witness rooms adjacent to courtrooms

Howard H. Baker Jr. U.S. Courthouse (Knoxville)

Hallways in front of the courtrooms, but in no other locations

U.S. Post Office & Courthouse (Winchester)

Second floor: Elevator side of CSO station
Third floor: Public area outside hearing room

Agreement

Attorney Name:

Firm Name:

Address:

Telephone No.:

B.P.R. No.

I agree that my possession of any cell phones, laptop computers or personal digital assistants in courthouses beyond the security checkpoints will be in strict accordance with the provisions of E.D. TN. LR 83.1 and E.D. Tenn. LBR 5073-1. I further agree not to allow anyone else to use or attempt to use such device. I acknowledge that I have read and understand E.D. TN. LR 83.1 and E.D. Tenn. LBR 5073-1.

I understand that any violation of this Agreement, whether intentional or innocent, may result in the loss of my privileges to bring electronic devices into the courthouse, fines or other appropriate action, including confiscation of the device.

I understand and agree that United States Deputy Marshals and Court Security Officers may enforce this Agreement, E.D. TN. LR 83.1, E.D. Tenn. LBR 5073-1, and any other applicable rules and orders of the Court governing use of electronic devices and may confiscate the device if they believe there has been a violation of this Agreement, E.D. TN. LR 83.1, E.D. Tenn. LBR 5073-1, and any other applicable rules and orders of the Court governing use of electronic devices or breach of or threat to security.

I will provide the United States Marshal's Office and Court Security Officers with a copy of this executed agreement.

Date

Attorney Signature